GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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COAL SUPPLIES TO NTPC AND OTHER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited is considering drastic reduction in supplies of Coal to the central power utility, NTPC and other projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the coal shortage has already hit a large number of thermal power plants;

(d) if so, the details thereof?

(e) whether the Coal India Ltd. is also considering to make the regulations of coal supplies to NTPC, Singrauli and Korba Stations more stringent; and

(f) if so, the extent to which it has affected the NTPC and the State Electricity Boards?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. Coal India Limited supplied about 234 million tonnes of coal to power utilities and NTPC in 2003- 04 while in 2004-05 it supplied 249 million tonnes. In 2005- 06, a supply of about 257 million tonnes is envisaged.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. Coal India Limited has been able to by and large meet the requirements of coal of the thermal power plants as per the Annual Action Plan targets although some loss of generation at certain individual units can not be ruled out. The Power Sector has further been advised to import about 10 million tonnes of coal during the current year to meet their increasing demand for coal due to increased generation.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Does not arise.